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1. On 16 March 1951, border crossers from Zwickau (N 51/K 34) stated that the Soviet AAA units arrived in Zwickau at the beginning of March. The size of the units and the caliber of the AA guns could not be learned. Twenty-five Soviet guns were observed in the so-called Rumpf Woods which extend from Thurm to St Egidien, north of Zwickau.
2. In early February, it was also learned from border crossers that a battalion of Soviet troops was allegedly stationed in Baerenstein, Kreis Annaberg. The number of AA guns protecting the Wismut Corporation installations had been increased. The emplacement of three AA guns was observed at Aue (N 51/K 53). AAA emplacements were observed at Plauen (N 51/K 12) and the troops there allegedly had been reinforced. Small Soviet units equipped with heavy mortars were located in Oberwiesenthal, Hammerwiesenthal (N 51/K 71), Annaberg, Baerenstein, Schwerzenberg (N 51/K 52), Aue, Oberschlema, Niederschlema (N 51/K 43), and Zwickau. *
3. Source learned, from political refugees in early February, that 7 or 8 heavy AA guns were emplaced by the Johanngeorgenstadt (N 51/K 51) - Erlabrunn road. Another refugee reported that eight AA guns were emplaced by the Johanngeorgenstadt-Sosa road, these were probably the guns on the road to Erlabrunn. Other AA guns observed in emplacements in the uranium mining area of Aue included 12 guns at Antonsthal, 19 guns at Schwarzenberg, 8 guns at Gruenhain, 10 guns at Stolberg and 8 guns at Hartau. All guns observed were AA guns of 88 and about 130 mm, and were in concrete emplacements. **

* [REDACTED] Comment. Previous reports stated that MGB/MVD units, apparently assigned to guard duty at the installations in the uranium mining area, were located in the towns specified in the present report.

** [REDACTED] Comment. The AA guns are probably manned by personnel of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 6th Gds AAA Div.

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